

AMENDMENTS OT THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

A further discussion regarding the formation of arc tubes is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,126,887 and U.S. Application Serial No. 09/714,635, filed November 16, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 11514) Patent No. 6,592,695, incorporated herein by reference.